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## News Feature: Bureau of Auto Repair Helps Put Brakes on Illegal Street Racing

### California Boosts Drag-Net

The Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) will play a key role in helping law enforcement officials statewide step up their efforts to curb illegal street racing.

California's Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) recently received \$5 million in federal grants to take its Drag-Net program statewide, after a successful effort in the San Diego area. The statewide program will be a team effort by OTS, BAR, the California Highway Patrol and local law enforcement agencies.

BAR representatives will play an important role in the program by providing training and technical assistance to law enforcement agencies across California to help them identify illegal modifications typically made to street racers.

"Street racing kills, and it's not just the racers who die," said Charlene Zettel, Director of the California Department of Consumer Affairs. "The Department and the Bureau of Automotive Repair are honored to be part of this life-saving program."

The new statewide effort was announced Aug. 3, 2005, in Sacramento, at the headquarters of Java City, a few dozen feet away from the site where Java City employee Kim Wheeler was killed when a street racer hit her car as she was leaving work.



Sunne Wright McPeak, Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which includes the Office of Traffic Safety, (above right) announces the expanded "Drag-Net" program as law enforcement shows its support. Rich Mundy, BAR Deputy Chief for Field Operations and Enforcement (above, left), and Dick Sullivan, Smog Check Enforcement Manager (at top, right), explain illegal modifications on street-racing demonstration and training vehicles prepared by BAR.